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Powering our Pollinators

Tips for making our gardens safer for pollinators and beneficial insects

Submitted by Nicole Sanchez



Can bees be thieves? A common trait in larger-bodied bees like *Xylocopa* (carpenter bees) is that in trumpet or bell shaped flowers, the bee will chew a hole at the base of the flower for nectar feeding rather than squeezing into the tight tube of the flower. This behavior, known as nectar-robbing, provides a tasty meal for the bee, but does not result in effective pollination.

Tiny bees in the genus *Ceratina* are far less hairy than other bees and may be shiny black, green, or metallic blue. All *Ceratina* (22 species in the US) nest in old wood like stems of broken or burned twigs. The bees won't nest in the tips of intact branches, there has to be a break or split of some kind for the bees to access it as a nesting location. Plants that serve as good nesting sites for western *Ceratina* species include Artemisia, blackberries and raspberries, and elderberry.



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From the President's Desk

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"Plant a Seed, Reap a Harvest"



Dear Garden Club Friends,

As I prepare to write my last President's article for The Mahonia, reflections of these two years flood my memory bank with the many things we've shared together. Remember the first Fall Board meeting held in my little town of Dallas. Tours of my personal garden and the adjacent Gazebo and vegetable garden were given. It was my way of letting us join together in sharing my space so you could know your President a little better! Following that we enjoyed making pumpkin arrangements with Katie Smith, our creative workshop leader.

The Board meeting began after attendees enjoyed a rest in our newest motel, and at lunchtime, feasted on a delicious lunch prepared by the Dallas Garden Club. Remember those croissant chicken sandwiches, salad and beautiful gourmet desserts served by a four year old "Honey Bee?" My first special project was launched, "Planting Pollinator Gardens in Public Places." All of this activity was held in a church building free-of-charge. Maybe this experience will help others in finding free meeting rooms.

For each of the Fall and Spring Board meetings, educational workshops, tours, or special speaker presentations were given. At the most recent Board meeting we each made a terrarium for our homes, then later were treated to a presentation on the renowned Cecil and Molly Smith Rhododendron Garden by their son. Education while having Fun were two of my goals.

Santiam District hosted the 2018 Convention in a beautiful new hotel with a divine Japanese Garden! We were blessed to hear Hoichi Kurisu, the renowned garden designer, share his story of connecting the beauty of nature and people together in peaceful harmony.

We enjoyed a true Tea Party complete with tea cups, flowered hats, tiny sandwiches and more. Contest winners, scholarship awards, photo contest, harp music during dinner, all created memories of great times together!

Our accomplishments were varied and include these highlights:

1. Created a beautiful, new OSFGC website;
2. Created and sold the green long-sleeved shirts with the State Seal and our Theme to help foster a sense of "The Oregon Team;"
3. Dedicated 5 Blue Star and 1 Gold Star Memorial Markers throughout the State;
4. Planted over 180 pollinator gardens throughout Oregon during 2017-2019;

5. Shared our grassroots effort to protect the pollinators at the first Pollinator Summit and Conference at Oregon State University, February, 2019;
6. Fifteen members of OSFGC attended the Pacific Region Convention in Alaska, April, 2018, a record number of participants;
7. Held the first OSFGC “Fall Garden Fair” at The Oregon Garden, September 21 and 22, 2018, featuring an exquisite floral design show and horticulture display, Children’s crafts and Storytime, display exhibit of floriculture and horticulture from all over Oregon, Work Area display booths, including an active beehive, workshops, plant vendors and more!!! The second “Fair” will be held September 14 and 15, 2019;
8. Developed and hosted a successful Symposium for approximately 60 people in November, 2018, which included participants from other states;
9. The Highway Beautification Project, plus the push to make the Trillium Oregon’s Native Flower continues with encouraging momentum;
10. At the March Board meeting, 2019, our State Treasurer reported a total membership of 2,266. Membership was up for some Clubs and down for others. Let’s all remember to invite someone new to each Garden Club event...”Membership Matters;”
11. “The Oregon Buzz” internal newsletter was developed and sent to Board members to support communication between meetings;
12. The Executive Committee officers embraced the opportunity to attend District luncheon meetings and events in order to “connect” with members throughout Oregon. We enjoyed sharing time and building the sense of TEAM;
13. This President appreciated the opportunity to conduct workshops and make topical presentations to Clubs and Districts;
14. Numerous Contest entries for State, Pacific Region and National awards were made and recognized. You will hear about them at the State Awards luncheon on Wednesday, June 12th; and
15. Pacific Region, which includes Oregon and 7 other states, has always enjoyed our participating in leadership roles and that will continue with our new Director. In fact, Oregon has already accepted an invitation to host the 2020 Pacific Region Convention at The Oregon Garden.

I am so proud of all members for their dedication to the OSFGC Vision, its Projects, and the Benefits we have provided to the people of our communities. Together, our awesome team has contributed greatly to the well-being and beauty of our beloved Oregon. Thank you!

Gaye Stewart

President 2017-2019



It's Show and Tell Time

As the 2017-2019 term comes to a close it is time to reflect on the progress we have made on President Gaye's project of "Planting Pollinator Gardens in Public Places." (PPGiPP) You will recall that our challenge was to have each Club plant a new garden for each of the two years. We then expanded the challenge to include private gardens that could be viewed by the public so that our message of support for our endangered pollinators could get the widest exposure possible.

You have been great in accepting this challenge and in finding innovative ways to both plant and to share this challenge with the public through your regular Club activities. For that, we and the bees thank you!

State Convention, among other things, is the time and place where we share with each other some of our amazing projects and the impact those projects have had on our communities and on us personally because of our involvement. The PPGiPP Project is no different. The challenge now before you is to create a display board for your District (or it can be for your Club) to share "before and after" pictures, or any other data you may have, and bring it to the State Convention with you.

Poster board or a tri-fold usually works well, but we will leave it up to you to select your own display medium. If we have more posters than available space we will simply rotate the displays throughout the convention so all will get an opportunity to share the impact they have made. This is your time to "Show and Tell" so please BEE Creative. No pressure...but, we are looking forward to seeing some great displays in Klamath Falls.



Executive Reports



President-elect

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Membership

As President elect it was my privilege to travel to Van Nuys, California and to Biloxi Mississippi during the last few weeks. At both the Pacific Region Conference and the National Conference I learned so much and met so many wonderful people and saw beautiful homes and gardens! I will try to make some displays for Convention if time allows, so I can share with you all the amazing sights and flowers and happenings.

I am still Membership chair and at the Convention in Klamath I will hand out certificates to both the Districts with the most membership increase percentage wise and to the Clubs with the most new members overall. Perhaps there will be some golden screwdrivers handed out also...

I hope you remember some of the topics I presented to you and will pass them on to your new Presidents and Directors.

It is so important to be welcoming to any new member. If your meeting space is too small find a larger place. It might come with the added advantage of free advertising, like the library is doing for my club! We do not have the luxury to say "No" to people. We need every single one! Yes we do have 52 new Members and a hearty Welcome to them and Hoorah for the Clubs that invited them! But we are still losing members.... Don't wait till everyone in your Club is too old to work on your projects anymore! Getting new members is a continuing process.

Robin Pokorski, the new Pacific Region Director's special project (one of them) is called "**Bring Them Back In**" which means that there are many clubs, who have left our organization, but are still clubs... Robin wants to convince them that it is to their advantage to join.

The Fall Garden Fair will be on September 14 and 15! Use your time this summer to make new flyers with the names of your new officers for your District and/or Clubs. The cheapest way to print tri-fold brochures is to make black and white originals and print them on colored paper. This way you can make hundreds of them to place at nurseries, churches, libraries, besides bringing them to the Fair. Business cards are super handy also. I like the ones that have a space to be filled out by the individual Club member, so everyone can get into the game of attracting new members!

It has been an honor serving as your First-Vice President. Garden Club people are the BEST and it has been wonderful to meet and work together with so many of you in the last two years!

Thank you and Love from Tanja!



2nd Vice-President

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My topic today is Protocol and welcoming the OSFGC Executive Board, and other special guests to your District meeting.

After the invitation has been accepted:

- Protocol suggests reserving and labeling a parking space for the President or visiting guests. It's very much appreciated and a sign of respect and honor.
- Assign a friendly greeter to assist with carrying items from their vehicle to their special seating.
- Before the meeting starts, ask your guests if they want to speak, and when they'd like to speak. They may just like to say "hi" at the introductions if they're to speak somewhere during the program.
- Those sitting at the Head Table find their places. If the OSFGC President is at the Head Table, she/he is introduced first; you might want to say, "It is my pleasure to introduce our guests at the Head Table. Please stand and welcome President Suzie Q/Mr. Right, then be seated.
- If you have a podium in the middle of the Head Table, facing the audience, the District Director will make introductions starting from the far left of the podium. They will be other members of the District's Executive Board with the Treasurer, then the Secretary, followed by the Assistant District Director.
- From the far right of the podium, introduce the Vice President, then President, then yourself.
- Applaud when everyone at the Head Table has been introduced.
- Generally other neighboring District Directors are invited as well as former Directors of your District and are seated at Honor Tables with place cards to show where they sit. They too, are welcomed and introduced after the Head Table.

If you are at a buffet meal, the 1st person in line would be the District Director, followed by the honored guest according to rank; the State President, followed by other state officers, guests, then membership.

Let's continue to display proper Protocol to our guests by following these few simple steps.

Above all, let your District Meeting shine with gracious hospitality, proper etiquette, respect, and dignity. Jubilant smiles are always welcome!

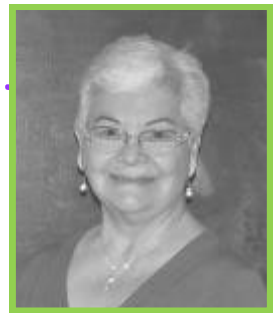


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As Treasurer, I want to first thank Carol Moore for my nomination and for OSFGC members electing me and giving me this opportunity. Having faith in someone you don't know well takes a lot of intestinal fortitude and grit along with some anxiety that the 'books' will be kept accurately and faithfully. Thank you all for extending those kindnesses to me and helping out when I've most needed it. I also want to thank our membership for appointing an Assistant Treasurer who has carried some of my workload as well as being such a good mentor. That would be Karen Brown to whom I owe a great deal of gratitude. I will miss being a part of the Executive Committee, but as in most of our lives, it is time to move on. Thank you all for doing what you could to make my job as your Treasurer easier.

National Garden Week is coming- June 3rd-9th!

Ideas to celebrate: Plant a pollinator garden, plan a presentation on Penny Pines, Blue Star Markers, plant some containers to beautify a public place, help a disabled neighbor or friend with their garden, plant a community garden and report any activity you do during this week to Nita Wood. Nita Wood will be the OSFGC National Garden Week Chair and is doing the same for the Pacific Region.



Beau Rivage
Resort & Casino, Biloxi, Mississippi
Site of the
2019 National Garden Club Convention

Robert's Rules of Order is the result of one man's attempt to bring order to meetings and to be sure that each person who wishes to be heard can have that opportunity. Step up and be heard, and learn how to do so properly. Read our Bylaws and Standing Rules in the Directory to gain a complete understanding of what we do and why.

The Parliamentarian's job is to offer advice on conducting a meeting in an orderly manner, when requested. In our case, the Parliamentarian has also been asked to chair the Bylaws committee, and to keep a Policy and Procedure Manual. Both of these functions are important to keeping members informed on the way OSFGC has been organized. In order to carry out these functions, it is essential that members keep that officer informed when there are changes needed in the Bylaws, and when procedures are defined for our various activities. Feel free to request that information when you are asked to carry out some function with which you need assistance.

Message from Karen

At Convention, the 2:00 pm meeting on Monday, called the Treasurer's meeting, will cover several topics. It is really important for all District Directors, club officers, and members interested in the procedures that pertain to our clubs. **Please try to attend.**



Bellingrath Gardens in Alabama
One of the Tours during
National Convention

OSFGC executive Committee Nominees 2019-2021

Next month we will be voting on our new OSFGC Executive Committee for 2019-2021. Here are your nominees for the offices of President-Elect, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Eligibility requirements for each position are listed including responses from the nominees. This information provides you a sense of some of their experiences and what skills they can bring to the organization.

President-Elect: Tanja Swanson, Northside Garden Club, Klamath District

- Served as President of a Garden Club and as a District Director
- President Northside Garden Club 2001-2009
- Director Klamath District 2009-2017
- Served on a District Board
- Assistant Director Klamath District 2007-2009
- Serve a minimum of 4 years on the OSFGC Board of Directors, two of which as an elected officer.
- Assistant Directory Editor
- Membership Chair
- Mahonia Subscription Chair 2013-2015
- Garden Therapy Chair 2011-2013
- Primary areas of expertise this member brings to OSFGC: Worked with elderly as activity director both in US and in the Netherlands; Ran a childcare business for 30 years; Designed the Northside Garden Club yearbook for the past 15 years

1st Vice President: Cheryl Drumheller, Rogue District, Garden Club, Coos Bay Garden Club

- Served as President of a Garden Club & District Director
- President Coos Bay Garden Club 2012-2015
- Co-Director Rogue District 2013-2015, 2015-2017
- Director Rogue District 2017-2019
- Served on a District Board
- Secretary Rogue District 2013-2015
- Co-Chair Rogue District Convention Planning Committee 2014-2015
- Served a minimum of 4 years on OSFGC board
- Corresponding Secretary 2015-2017
- 2nd Vice President, Protocol & Public Relations Chair 2017-2019
- Primary areas of expertise this member might bring to OSFGC: Leadership; Organization; Time Management



One of the homes we toured during the National Convention was filled with gorgeous arrangements

2nd Vice President: Carolyn Olley, Clackamas District, Sunny Hills Garden Club

- Serve as President of a Garden Club & District Director
- President Sunny Hills Garden Club 2013-2015
- Director Clackamas District 2017-2019
- Serve on a District Board
- Treasurer, Clackamas District 2013-2017
- Serve minimum of 2 years on OSFGC board
- Youth Chairman 2015-2019
- Primary areas of expertise this member might bring to OSFGC: Community educator; Extensive and varied volunteer experiences; Willingness to learn new things and share knowledge with others.

Recording Secretary: Donna Rose, Klamath District, Northside Garden Club

- Secretary for Contractor Safety Council 3 years
- Co-Secretary 2 years
- Editor of the Kontraktor Kwiz newsletter distributed to all Council contractors
- Planned travel arrangements for contractors
- Mt. Baker Garden Club, Washington – assisted with plant sales
- Communications Chair, Northside Garden Club - Communications Chair 2018-present
- Primary areas of expertise this member might bring to OSFGC: Organization; Multitasker Team player

Treasurer: Margaret Taylor, Hood River, Mt. Hood District

- Treasurer Mt. Hood District 2016-present
- Treasurer OSFGC State Convention 2017
- OSFGC State Convention Committee & Speaker 2017
- Primary areas of expertise this member might bring to OSFGC: Duties of the Treasurer; Accurate, competent service to the organization; Floral Design



Committee Reports

Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl

Colleen Foster, Chair

Time to think about the upcoming year for the poster contest.

In March, Oregon had started off with its first wildfire at the North Santiam State Recreation Area, near the towns of Lyons and Mill City (Silver Falls State Park). Last year, our first wildfire did not happen until June 21st, Boxcar Fire in Wasco County, according to Portland Mercury, written by Ned Lannaman, March 20, 2019.

What does this mean to us? The possibility of having a worse fire season than last year. How can we stop this from happening? EDUCATING EVERYONE!

We need to have our voices heard.

President Donald Trump has been in the news continuously saying that global warming/climate change is a hoax. Do you really believe this?

How can we entice the children to learn about fires and protecting our environment? We need to reach out to our school children as soon as possible. Not only should we reach the school children, we can reach out to:

- Boy & Girl Scouts
- Campfire
- 4-H
- Boys & Girls Club of America
- After school day care centers
- Sports groups (Baseball; Soccer; Football; Basketball; and La Cross)
- Farmers Markets
- Plant Sales
- Garden Tours
- County Fairs
- Neighborhood community centers
- Any where people gather.



According to the Oregon Department of Forestry, as of May 10, 2019 we have had 100 fires and only 1 was due to lightning. Yes, you got it right, 99 fires were caused by humans, and this is only May.

Remember, in our conservation pledge, we are the caretakers, lets be proactive and start working on prevention of forest fires and pollution of our environment.

Smokey Bear Poster Contest sponsored by Dufur Valley Garden Club/National Garden Clubs, INC.

In Dufur everyone who participated will get \$1.00, a Smokey Bear bag, a book mark, and a pencil.

The winners are:

1st place ~ Hailee Wustoff 4th grade
2nd place ~ Lily Brown 4th grade
3rd place ~ Alexandria Olson 3rd grade
4th place ~ Arwen Dorzab 4th grade
5th place ~ Trevor Walter 3rd grade

Third Grade and Fourth Grade participants were:

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|----------------|------------|
| Jacey C. | Taitum A. |
| Emerson Harvey | Ale Meza |
| Emmy E. | Clara W. |
| Kyle Wilson | Jazlynn M. |
| Eli B. | Skyla C. |
| Kate Radford | Alma C. |
| | Eric C. |



Fort McNair buckeye

Arboreal

Fire Safe Trees

Kathy Lombardo, Chair

As we go into summer, the specter of last year's fires still sits in our minds. With Douglas-fir beetles in the mix, the problem is compounded. Most of the fir trees dying from the top down, or suddenly "flagging", going from green to reddish-brown in a week, are a result of the beetles tunneling in the cambium layer to the point of stopping the movement of water and nutrients through this layer right under the bark. The inner wood evolves toward structural and the bark is the protective layer. The fire/rebirth cycle is as old as botanical history. Fire kills the invading insects and feeds the soil for the next generation of trees. When humans enter the picture, things get complicated. When Oregon's climate began to dry, xeriscape yards became popular. Now, we are encouraged to get those highly flammable trees and plants away from our buildings. A wildfire will take out homes, and a structure fire will often start a wildfire. In the Camp Fire, the very charm of the mountain town of Paradise led to making the fire more difficult to fight. The stately conifers throughout the town had grown too large to remove easily, even if the residents wanted that. We love our trees. But, one of the overwhelming problems with beetle damage is the outpouring of sap with terpenes that are explosively flammable. So, what can we do? Start removing junipers, cypress and ornamental grasses and other easily burned plants and trees around buildings. Replace those with hardscape materials such as rock, brick, concrete and plants and trees with leaves that are moist and supple. Lawns don't burn. Buffalo grass needs less water than most varieties because it has deep roots and also a natural dark green color. Create as many fire breaks as possible, with wider driveways and islands or strips of perennial flowers. Prune trees up as much as 1/3 of their height, and take out any dead wood. When replacing trees, consider planting species that don't burn easily. Some of these are: maples, buckeyes, birch, redbuds, beech, locusts, sweetgum, quaking aspen, and oaks that are deciduous. One thing most of these have in common is the small leaves that decompose quickly. Instead of raking leaves, these can go through the mulching mower small enough to leave as lawn food. One last recommendation as fire season approaches is to have neatly coiled long hoses with the multi-choice nozzles attached, in every possible location, ahead of time, and hope they won't be needed. Have a wonderful and safe Oregon summer.

*News from the Gardens of Enchantment
at Oral Hull Park in Sandy Oregon*

Thank You!

To all of the individual Garden Club members, Garden Clubs, and OSFGC Districts: THANK YOU ALL for your donations to pay for replacement of the gazebo roof in the Gardens of Enchantment. We have been able to collect \$5,000. Woo hoo!! You are all truly amazing.

Are we getting the new roof soon? No, I'm afraid not quite yet. We still need to raise some more money. The bid for the roof was \$10,875 and did not include any replacement underlayment that may be needed.

By the way, it was only for the roof. As you may have heard, the roof leak severely damaged the kitchen. That will have to be dealt with later. The Lions Clubs have stepped in to help, though. They have pulled out all of the damaged walls, removed the damaged cupboards, and removed the dishwasher. At least we are not facing the prospect of finding mold everywhere!

But, back to the gazebo roof. Our best "guess" to completely replace the roof comes to a total of \$12,500 and would include underlayment, materials, and labor. If you know of grants we could apply for, companies who give toward "capital campaigns," people who might be willing to make a donation "in honor of _____", please send them our way or give us a contact name so we can get a hold of them. If your Garden Club has money for donations, and if your District does, please consider helping.

Some of you may remember Margaret Breck and Claire Belsher. They were both instrumental in getting the gazebo built...especially Margaret. It would be a fitting remembrance for these two great ladies to help get the roof replaced.

Contributions can be mailed to: Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind, Inc., PO Box 157, Sandy, OR 97055. Calls can be made to 503.668.6195 (the Office). Inquires or questions can be directed to Sharon Elder, Executive Director. When sending a donation, be sure to stipulate "For the gazebo roof" on your check.

"Don't tell me how we can't do something...tell me how we can."

Submitted by Carolyn Olley
Clackamas District Director, 2017-2019
President of the Board of Directors
Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind, Inc.



Historian

Bruna McBride, Chair

I have tried to set up the History Book of Reference a little differently. I have a section that lists State Conventions since 1996 and State Board meetings since 2013. Hopefully it will make it easier to find this information when it is requested from the Historian. I have listed all new clubs since 2005 and clubs that withdrew since 2005. A section showing the Certificates of Merit for years since 2013.



Photo Contest

Paul and Karen Ramsey, Co-Chairs

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Don't forget to bring all your winning pictures from your District to the Convention in Klamath Falls. Be sure to have the name of the contestant and the category on the back of the photos.

State Directory Advertising

Jane Sercombe, Chair

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To our OSFGC members: **Now** is the time to ask local nurseries and businesses for an ad in the next State Directory. Find the forms on the OSFGC website under forms.

Questions? Please email Jane Sercombe

Update on the Trillium Naming

As Convention nears, remember to bring your signed Petitions for the Trillium when you come down to Klamath Falls. Or mail them directly to the Wildflower Committee at PO Box 933 in St. Helens, OR. 97051-0933. Petitions brought to Convention should be given to Marcia Kay Whitelock, who will get them to me.

A big thanks to all of you who have turned in names so far. We have over three hundred with more to go. Well done. But we always need more.

Congratulations!!

Stan and I will not be at Convention this year as we are enjoying having our son home from England for six weeks. As many of you know, we are celebrating our 50th Wedding anniversary this year and the time frame is too short to make it to Klamath Falls. The big date is June 14, but we are celebrating on the 15th due to work and school commitments of many of our relatives.

Hope the wildflowers planted in previous years are now up and thriving. We know that the ones we planted locally are growing. The poppies and lupines are blooming right now. We are fighting a local battle with Weyerhaeuser and land developers to save the local fields of Camassia before they are all plowed over. Progress is OK, but not at the cost of losing endangered plants and wildlife. Remember, camassia grow in very specific conditions and once that changes, these fragile plants are lost forever.





In Memoriam

Dear Friends,

It is with sadness that I inform you that Carol Riggs, member of Multnomah Garden Club, passed away on April 10 due to complications from surgery.



Forget-Me-Not

Thank you to my gardening family who sent me special cards and uplifting sentiments on the passing of my husband Jeff. It is comforting to look through the cards and think of each of you. Especially, many thanks to Gaye, who has been a solid pillar of support these past weeks. Here is a poem that really helps. It is true for every person.

*From Winnie the Pooh by AA Milne;
thank you, Trudie Bason, for sharing these wise words.*

*"If ever there is a tomorrow when we are not together,
always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger
than you seem, and smarter than you think."*

And I will add, "and loved more than you will ever know."

Blessings to all, Jane Sercombe.

Mt. Hood District

Diana Caryl-Director 2017-2019



Back row: Jill McBee, Kay Lincoln,
Jackie Shaw, Verna Martin, Emily
Phillips, Mary Graves,
Diana Carroll, Jean Hadley,
Second row:
Joann Gage, Margaret Taylor.
Judy Wols
Front row: Bud vases:
Nancy Case, Norma Curtis

Beautiful Mother's day

Thirteen ladies came to the Hood River Care Center with lots of flowers and greenery to make 30 bud vases for the Mothers and 10 table arrangements for the dining room.



A rose called Nicole at
Bellingrath Gardens
in Alabama



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Tiffany Olley for volunteering her time and many talents so often, and for being the Clackamas Clippings Editor over the past two years. The Clackamas District thanks you!



Forget-Me-Not

All of the elected officers and chairmen of the Clackamas District for their help and continued support during the last two years. I have really appreciated every one of you!
Carolyn Olley, Clackamas District Director, 2017-2019.



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Peggy Olin, Gaye Stewart, Garnet Ascher, Karen Brown, Shirley Schmidt, Marcia Kay Whitelock, Sally Thompson, Nancy Ebsen, Nita Wood, Tanja Swanson, and Cheryl Drumheller. You have been my "go-to-gals" when I have questions. And you know I'm not shy about asking questions!
Carolyn Olley, Clackamas District Director, 2017-2019.



Forget-Me-Not

To all the Members of the Clackamas District, new and "mature", who have made such a difference in their communities and who have supported their Clubs, the District, State, Regional, and National Garden Club activities. You have been a pleasure to meet and work with.
Carolyn Olley, Clackamas District Director, 2017-2019.

Pioneer District

Peggy Trees-Director 2017-2019

Hello All! I have returned this week from the National Garden Club Convention in Biloxi, Mississippi. (Do you remember when we were kids and it was so much fun to spell Mississippi.) Anyway, I had a great time. Another Garden Club member and I went down 5 days early to visit New Orleans, Louisiana. When the cab driver took us to our hotel from the airport he explained that we were to pronounce it "Nawl." It was hard to remember to say it that way.

We had a fun time. The flowers and plants were beautiful. We went on a couple of tours. What I was mostly impressed with were the Old Oak Trees. I grew up here in Oregon with oak trees but not like the ones there. Many were hundreds of years old. Because of Hurricane Katrina, many oaks were destroyed.

If you had ever toured Oak Alley Plantation before Katrina, at least 100 Oak Trees were blown down that you could see from the porch. They have since been replanted and it is still beautiful.



We moved up to Biloxi, Mississippi and spent 5 days there. We met a lot of people from all over the United States, Mexico, Central and South America.

At lunches and dinners each table was hosted by a Garden Member from Mississippi. It was such a welcoming feeling. It eased us into conversations. After all, we all have many commonalities, GARDENS being number one. I sat next to our new National President Gay Austin at lunch. She is excited to visit our Convention in Klamath Falls.



I was asked several questions about hemp which is legal to grow and sell in Oregon. One cannot do that in Mississippi. They can in Tennessee.





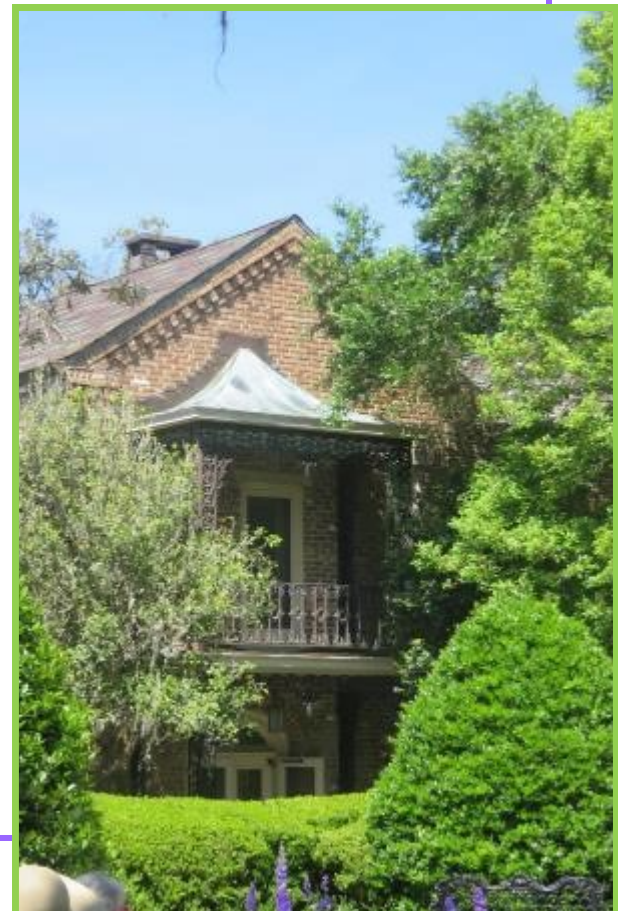
We saw the beautiful Bellingrath Gardens. A HUGE estate. I sent my daughter a picture suggesting that she have her wedding there next summer. When I came home the groom-to-be took me aside to tell me how it would be a hardship to have family and friends go there. I told him that I realized that and I was just joking. My daughter knew I was joking as well.

Enough of my trip. I encourage members to go to conventions and see what you can glean.

All of our Club members are working in gardens, selling at plant sales, working on community projects, planning picnics, planting milkweed, installing new officers, field trips and hosts of other garden-related projects including life with family and friends.

Have a Happy Summer!

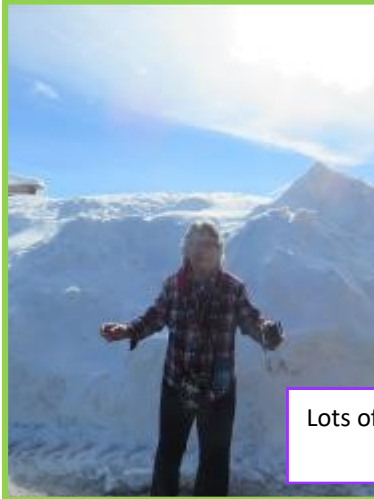
See you at Convention in Klamath Falls and take a few days to see the sights!



Portland District

Christine McClure and Carole Schuldt, Co-Directors 2017-2019

It has been a busy spring for Portland District! "Spring is Just Around the Corner" was the theme of the OSFGC Spring Board meeting that our District hosted at Clackamas Banquet and Catering on March 3 & 4. Fortunately, it wasn't snowing that weekend! According to the reports we heard, everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves. And there were plenty of activities to enjoy!! Villa Garden Club's own Geri Grieve presented a terrific workshop on building your own terrarium. Participants brought their own containers, and Geri provided the plants, gravel, charcoal, and soil. Luckily, Carole Schuldt was able to obtain a bargain price on the plants. Geri and her friend, Ronnie, demonstrated the steps involved in putting together a beautiful terrarium. Everyone participating created a special, one-of-a-kind work of art. Thank you, Geri!



Lots of snow on the way
to Portland



Geri Grieve, Villa Garden Club member, presented a very popular terrarium workshop at the OSFGC Spring Board meeting hosted by Portland District on March 3 & 4, 2019.



Thank you Portland for
a very fun District
meeting.
Outside it was cold,
inside it was cozy!



After dinner, we were treated to a slide presentation by Allan Smith, whose father and grandfather before him developed a beautiful rhododendron garden between Newberg and St. Paul, still open to the public today. We were fascinated by the challenges those early settlers confronted, from shipping most materials by water, to herding wild horses to sell in Washington.



District Directors met with former OSFGC President Shirley Schmidt to discuss and brainstorm ideas for building club membership and working to resolve common problems. It's amazing to talk to members from other regions of Oregon. They often have considerable distances to travel, just to get to meetings! A universal issue seems to be getting members to become officers of the district. At the risk of repeating ourselves, please consider accepting a leadership role. It is fun, informative, and you get to meet gardeners from all over the state of Oregon! ! There are people in the District who can help you get started, show you the ropes, and support you throughout. Step outside your comfort zone and join the team!

Monday's luncheon continued the theme with beautiful spring hats, as well as nine colorful, floral table runners made by Alana Eckert. Sylvia Ketch created darling, little potted sedum table favors that added to the festive occasion. Those staying at the Hampton Inn received bulging goodie bags assembled by Villa Garden Club. Multnomah Garden Club created lovely spring centerpieces that drew raves. We can pat ourselves on the back!



Sharon Elder, Executive Director of the Oral Hull Foundation, shared a slide presentation highlighting the terrific services offered at their facility in Sandy. Please consider donating to them, as they need funds for a new roof. Garden Clubs from Multnomah and Clackamas Districts volunteer time to work on the gardens. We recommend you visit this lovely spot.

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Our District Spring Meeting and Luncheon was on April 19 at Colwood Golf Center. The theme was "Ready, Set, **Plant!**" Dave Doolittle from Petal Heads gave an excellent presentation on plants that are not only beautiful, but are well adapted to the climate in the Pacific Northwest. He grows his plants outside—no greenhouses for him! He brought plants to sell, and from what we could tell, he had many happy customers! President Gaye Stewart encouraged all of us to hang in there, distributed a paper that listed many ideas to grow membership, and read a poem she wrote of encouragement and beauty. It was an inspiring and memorable day!

May brings us to the Multnomah County Fair held at Oaks Park over Memorial Day Weekend. Join us in entering your homegrown floriculture and horticulture specimens. There are many categories, and you can win money. Carole Schuldt has been very successful there, and Chris even took home three ribbons! Members of Arleta P.M. are very involved. We are going to have a table in the horticulture area to let people know about our clubs and activities. Parking and admission are free! Details can be found online at multcofair.org

We are counting the minutes until the Convention in Klamath Falls! Several members from Portland District are looking forward to thanking President Gaye for all she has done and to welcome our new President, Tanja Swanson!



Arleta PM Garden Club

Carolyn Wilson, President

We are very involved with the Multnomah County Fair, entering many categories, including baking, sewing and knitting! Our Club has been participating for many years. Carolyn Wilson, Peggy Goldader and Edwina Coffey are entering again this year.

Member Beverly Christman has been suffering from knee problems and will be having surgery shortly. She loves hearing from friends! You may send her cards at her home address:
9404 SE Cooper Portland 97266. Thank you!

Villa Garden Club

Chris McClure , President

We are enjoying a spring full of fun! In March, we celebrated our 71st anniversary with a potluck and cake. Following that, we visited Evie Hausman's lovely garden in Irvington. She specializes in spring bulbs, and her yard is a gem, bursting with color and texture everywhere you look.

In April we toured the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. What a beautiful spot! Rhododendrons of every size and color, as well as heuchera, hellebores, geese and tiny new ducklings! How fortunate we are that visionaries preserved such beauty for the public's enjoyment and education. We will welcome Tamara Bliley, President of the Chrysanthemum Society, for a presentation in May. June has us visiting Linda Whittington's whimsical garden in Gresham, followed by lunch at Ristorante di Pompello in Troutdale. We cap our year off with our Annual Club Picnic in July. Villa member Julia Whitted has invited us back to her large property in Boring to show us her wonderful vegetable garden and landscaping, a result of many hours of hard work and planning.



Our plant sale on May 11, (the day before Mother's Day!) has kept our club very busy. We offer over 200 homegrown perennials, native plants, some indoor specimens and more! We have repeat customers over the years because they know they will get a great plant at a modest price. We are very grateful to Jeanette Dimick, who has headed this project for several years, along with many dedicated helpers. Many local charities with gardening, food, or plant-related themes have benefitted from the funds we generate from this sale.

We have a fantastic Cub of over 50 people who love to share their knowledge of gardening, bring horticulture to meetings to admire and educate, volunteer to help out when someone needs a hand, maintain their own gardens with pollinators and native plants, all while attending meetings with enthusiasm and a spirit of camaraderie. We are in the early stages of working with children at the preschool located in the same building. Last summer, the children enjoyed growing tomatoes, squash, and pumpkins. One generous donor from our Club paid to have a large cypress removed that was growing right in the center of a raised bed!

We meet at 10:30 on the fourth Thursday of every month, (except November and December) at Savage Memorial Church, 139th and Mill in southeast Portland.

Please feel free to join us at any time!
We love having visitors and welcoming new members.





Hope to see you in June in Klamath!!

Our 2019 Convention is just around the corner, and Klamath District Garden Clubs are looking forward to hosting fellow gardeners from around our beautiful state!

Our keynote speaker, Teun Klumpers of Holland, will inspire us with a fresh perspective on the rich influence of nature and gardening in our lives. We believe you'll come away from the 2019 convention with an even greater appreciation for the little things that make the gardening life so enjoyable.

Routine Convention business such as committee reports will be interspersed with special presentations and entertaining games.

Afternoon tours will take participants to a private arboretum featuring dozens of trees and shrubs, and to the local history museum where native plant gardens contain more than 150 species of wildflowers, grasses, shrubs and trees native to Eastern Oregon. The museum tour will include demonstrations on how Native Americans used plants of the region.

We've enjoyed a cool and wet spring season in the Klamath Basin, and the wildflower show has been tremendous so far. As you travel towards Klamath, keep an eye out for biscuitroot, buckwheat, lupine and Oregon sunshine lining the highways.

Don't forget that Klamath County is home to Crater Lake National Park. If you haven't visited America's deepest lake lately, you might want to consider a side trip to the park. There's a heavy snowpack that is only slowly giving way to warming temperatures. Hope to see you in Klamath!

Attention!

"I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land and wildlife"

**Please bring your own drink containers!
(We won't hand out water bottles!)**



Gardening Bee

There are still spots for teams available!!

Join us Tuesday night, June 11

Up to six teams can compete: Applications are accepted on a first come,
first served basis.

Each team should consist of three Garden Club Members from any District.

Come in costume.

Team names and costumes should be related to gardening in some way.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three scoring
teams.

An additional prize will be awarded to the team
with the best costumes.

Besides fame and the gratitude of 100 gardening friends
for providing the night's entertainment, you could win
an amazing basket of gardening-themed goodies !

Contact: Nicole Sanchez, Gardening Bee Coordinator,
at Nicole.sanchez@oregonstate.edu



Treasure Chest

Bernie Wood, Chair 2017-2019

Calling All Garden Clubs!

The Treasure Chest is anxiously awaiting your checks and blue tickets to be returned to me. These blue tickets are used to draw for wonderful prizes at the State Convention - so send in your tickets and check to me so your club does not miss out.

At this time, only one District has 100% participation and that is Klamath District Garden Clubs but Clackamas District, Mount Hood District, Multnomah District and Rogue District are not far behind!!!

78 letters with blue tickets were given to all the District Directors across the state to deliver to each and every Garden Club and affiliate. 39 clubs or affiliates have responded so far - that puts us at 48% participation across the state.

Come on all you Garden Clubs who have not responded, we need to have this be a larger percentage!!!! Thanks for donating to the Treasure Chest.



Bernie Wood and
Phyllis Olson





It is my pleasure to greet the members of The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. as your new Pacific Region Director. There are two Director's Special Projects this term: *"Blue Stars Shine in the Pacific Region"* and *"Let's Bring 'em Back In."* Our goal is to significantly increase the number of Blue Star memorials in our Region – I'd like to attend every dedication I can – so I'll keep my gas tank full and my red, white, and blue clothing cleaned and pressed.

The other Special Project will focus on reaching out to Clubs that have not disbanded but have left our federations. Membership is on every group's mind but I look for unprecedented growth in Oregon! I know you people! You've got what it takes – energy, knowledge, commitment. Let's make it happen together! I look forward to attending your convention in Klamath Falls in June and hope to meet and visit with many of you. Your region is here to serve and my hope is that Oregon members will be inspired to

Reconnect with YOUR Pacific Region!



Descanso Garden tour during the Pacific Region Convention in April



The Getty Art Museum and Gardens:
another tour during the Pacific Region
Convention





An evening at Hank and Gail Vanderhorst's lovely home



Beautiful design made on the spot by
"Diva" Phyllis Olson



Miniature designs for every State in the
Region



Geraniums

You keep all the pretty ones hidden away
she said, wagging her finger
pointed to the greenhouse door as proof

Inside, a sea of coral blossoms
their thousands floating over sinuately palmate leaves
from her viewpoint, they looked like perfection

She suggested management get involved
remedy the situation,
teach me a lesson about discrimination
have me fetch her the very best ones

I loaded a cart, deadheaded spent blooms
Of Pelargoniums not quite ready to debut:
wheeled them up front, served with humility
watched her righteous delight become confusion
attempted to hide my amusement as she subtracted each one
from the group

inspected it
rejected it
reprimanded me for the impertinence of bringing the imperfect
ones

She pointed again to the sea of color, angry,
and missing the point of this instance:

We are all at our best from a distance.

Nicole Sanchez March 2019

Meet our New National President

Gay Austin



NGC President's Theme and Projects "Plant America"

Emphasis on conservation and preservation of natural habitats



Peggy Olin and her
Pacific Region Presidents at
the National Convention
ensconced by
Mardi Gras Royalty

Go to: gardenclub.org to read Gay's acceptance speech

Gay will attend the OSFGC Convention in Klamath and she will be the installing officer.

Thoughts in Appreciation of President Gaye!

I'd like to express my gratitude to Gaye, as I see her;

Passion for creating pollinator gardens

Outstanding leadership

Lucky in love with Mike

Lively in her presentations

Inquisitive about others

Nice to be around

Actively seeking new members

Talented in many ways

Open to suggestions

Remembers gardeners' names

Gracious demeanor

Articulate when speaking

Remarkable in creating new projects

Delightful personality

Encourages others to do their best

Noteworthy of accomplishments

Self assured manner

Thank you for your leadership as OSFGC President.

You've been a blessing to me.

Cheryl Drumheller

"To Gaye:

Your creativity, joy and enthusiasm has made your term a blessing for all. May you continue to reap the harvest promised by the seeds of friendship you've sown!

With love, Karen Brown"



Thoughts in Appreciation of President Gaye!

Klamath District Garden Clubs would like to thank Gaye for serving as President of OSFGC!

During her Presidency, Gaye has not only promoted her theme, "Pollinators", but also, has invited members to share her garden, and even given lilies away. In addition, Gaye has attended many District meetings at which she was a contributor. The list is endless.

Thank you!

Lavon Ostrick, Klamath District

President Gaye Stewart accepts a floral design "Thank You" from Portland District at their Spring Luncheon. The beautiful arrangement (in Gaye's favorite colors!) was created by Carole Schuldt.



True story – The first time I met Gaye by Shirley Schmidt

While I served as the Treasure Chest Chairman several years ago, at the Conventions the people who had not “followed the rules” were introduced with their errors being told.

Pre-sale tickets for the raffle items to be given away at Convention were sent to each Club.

Gaye was the president of her club and had dutifully sent in the MONEY for the tickets; however, no TICKETS were included. I had never met Gaye before the Convention. She was called forward to give this explanation; “The back of the tickets said 'Good for One Drink.' I think my members believed that!”

The audience roared with laughter.

Moral of the story: All persons who sell any raffle tickets should be sure to read the back of the ticket to be sold.

Thoughts in Appreciation of President Gaye!

Many years ago, as a brand new D.D., I was invited to attend an annual Tea at one of our Clubs and met Gaye for the first time. I was a bit nervous since I didn't know anyone and sat down at the same table as Gaye. As we were all chatting, getting to know each other at our table, Gaye looked around and noticed a member sitting at a table by herself. The gal sitting alone looked different, a bit unkempt. Gaye said under her breath, "Bless her heart" and started to excuse herself to sit with the lonely gal. At the same time a few more ladies came in and sat where the gal was sitting, so Gaye stayed with us. Gaye will probably not even remember that moment, but it has stuck in my mind all these years. She made a great impression on me that day, Garden Clubs, Officers and Conventions aside, I thought to myself, that's the kind of woman I want to be. No matter what Gaye continues to do it will be with Grace, it's been a blessing to work with her.

Trudie Bason, Santiam District

Random thoughts about Gaye

Young

For me she will always be 29!

Graceful

She could have been a model.

Organized

Binders, binders, binders!

Kind

Always a kind word or gift.

Amazing

Did you know that besides being OSFGC president she also is the Principal of a private school?

Astonishing

That she (and Mike!) do that without being compensated!

Shopping

Never a store that is not worth exploring!

Purple and green

Everything!

Fall Garden Fair

Gaye's very successful Brainchild!

Glitter

Anything sparkly is attractive!

Teacher

Thank you Gaye for being my mentor and teacher; taking me by your hand and showing me the way it's done.

Thank you!

For EVERYTHING! You have been a wonderful State President!

With Love from Tanja!

SPRING PET SAFETY TIP:

Mushroom Toxicity

By Dr. Wendy Merideth
Sunriver Veterinary Clinic
SPOT MAGAZINE
April/May 2019

Mushrooms play an essential role in the decomposition of organic matter. They are fundamental in nutrient cycling and exchange within ecosystems. Unfortunately, though, many of the mushrooms in Oregon are toxic to pets.

In late spring and early summer, Sunriver Veterinary Clinic in Central Oregon treats many patients for mushroom toxicity. These animals may present with profuse drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, tremors, or they may be in a coma. Apart from such obvious symptoms, bear in mind that toxic mushrooms can also injure your pet's liver.

Treatment involves the induction of vomiting (if the animal is conscious) to empty the stomach of the remaining mushrooms. Intravenous fluids are then initiated to help flush toxins from the bloodstream. Activated charcoal, given by mouth, binds the toxins that circulate through the liver and bile. Pets may also need supportive liver medications and supplements. With treatment, the prognosis is good.

Please inspect your yard for mushrooms and watch your dogs closely on the trail this time of year. Unless you are a mushroom expert, please assume all mushrooms are toxic to pets. Wear gloves when removing them from your yard and throw them away in a place your pet can't reach.

If your pet ever ingests a mushroom, contact your veterinarian immediately.

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Sou'Wester Garden Club **PLANT SALE**

**Saturday, May 25th
9am to Noon**

Seaside Civic & Convention Center:
415 1st Ave.

Please use NEW Westside Entry. Northside Lobby Closed

OUTSTANDING PLANTS for SALE
Silent Auction & Raffle – fund a Grant Program

ANLD Garden Tour, June 22, 2019 from 9am-5pm -

Get your tickets before they sell out!

After a year off to rest and regroup, we're excited to announce the return of the Association of Northwest Landscape Designers' Garden Tour. We hope you can join us this year to explore seven unique, professionally-designed private gardens in the Portland Metro area (Eastmoreland, Lake Oswego, Oregon City, & Wilsonville). The tour is self-led, so you can see the gardens in whatever order and pace suits you.

GROUP TICKETS: groupsales@anld.com \$18 per ticket when you order 6 to 19 tickets --\$16 per ticket, when you order 20+ tickets

Individual Tickets and Group Tickets will be available online before the tour at Annual Garden Tour - ANLD - and at local nurseries from May 1 through June 22. Nurseries include: Portland Nursery, Cornell Farms, Garden Fever, Al's Home & Garden, Hughes Water Gardens, Blooming Junction, Cascadian Nurseries, Farmington Gardens (Beaverton & Hillsboro), and Dennis' 7 Dees (Lake Oswego & Cedar Hills).





Planting the Seeds to Restore Tomorrow!

**McMinnville Garden Club
17th Annual Garden Tour and Faire
Sunday June 25, 2017**

**Garden Tour 10am–4pm Admission \$10
5 Private Gardens**

Profits are used to fund scholarships and
to support community beautification projects

Free Garden Faire 9am–4pm

Third and Cowls McMinnville—Showcases a select number
of vendors, chosen for quality and diversity

Tickets available in McMinnville starting May 3 at :
Kraemer's Garden Center, Incahoots & Great Harvest Bread Company
June 15 & 22 at the Farmer's Market
June 25 Day of the Tour, at The Garden Faire,
Kraemer's Garden Center & Five Tour Gardens

Further information visit: www.mcminnvillegardenclub.org
Tour information: Marlene at 541-784-5089
Faire information: Mike at 503-831-3087

Calendar of Events

2019

- OSFGC 92nd Annual Convention: June 9-12, Klamath District
- Fall Garden Fair at the Oregon Garden in Silverton: September 14,15.
- OSFGC Fall Board Meeting: Oregon Garden in Silverton: September 16.
- NGC Fall Board Meeting: September 18-20, St. Louis, MO.

2020

- Pacific Region Convention: April 27-30, Oregon.
- NGC Convention: May 11-14, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- OSFGC Convention: June, Pioneer District
- NGC Fall Board Meeting: September 24-26. Fargo, North Dakota

2021

- NGC Convention: May 17-20, East Rutherford, New Jersey
- OSFGC Convention: June, Rogue District



Mahonia

Tanja Swanson, Editor

tanjandy@gmail.com

It has been an honor to put together your stories and pictures and turn them into the Mahonia for the past 4 years. Thank you to all who contributed! Also a BIG Thank You to Jaye Weiss for doing such a wonderful job correcting the Mahonia!

I am excited to tell you that Tiffany Olley will take over after the Convention. Tiffany has been the editor of the Clackamas Clippings for the past 2 years. She will do a wonderful job! Please send all your information to Tiffany from now on. oregongirl487@yahoo.com

Love from Tanja!

Next deadline is June 30